

Partial revision of the regulation for the Act on the
Quality Control of Gasoline and Other Fuels

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1. Outline of the system

Under article 13 of the Act on the Quality Control of Gasoline and Other Fuels (Law No. 88 of 1976), the gasoline retailers are not allowed to sell gasoline which does not conform with the standards, specified under Article 10 of the regulation for the Act on the Quality Control of Gasoline and Other Fuels (Ordinance of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry No. 24 of 1977).

2. Outline of amendment

The maximum permissible level of oxygen compounds in gasoline will be revised.

The present level: Ethanol 3vol% (upper limit);

Oxygen (included in oxygen compounds) 1.3wt% (upper limit);

The proposed level: Ethanol 10vol% (upper limit);

Oxygen (included in oxygen compounds) 3.7wt% (upper limit);

The proposed level of oxygen compounds in gasoline is applied to vehicles accepted by Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism to run on E10.

3. Objective

The objective of this amendment is to promote usage of biofuel effective against global warming. Therefore, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry will increase the maximum permissible level of oxygen compounds in gasoline.

4. Proposed date of entry into force

This amendment will enter into force in April 2012.